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Technology needs more financial support

A report on equipment renovation by the school of technology presented to the Board of Governors indicated a need for more financial support to keep college courses updated.

In reply, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the Jan. 24 meeting two methods of raising money to replace nine to 11-year-old equipment are forming an alumni association and making appeals to the community.

If these appeals fail, the college might have to reduce the number of programs it offers and specialize in certain fields, Miss Robarts informed the college finance committee earlier this month.

The board was told that the electronic engineering technician program illustrates the need for new equipment at the college.

In an advisory committee meeting of the electronics engineering technician and electronics engineering technology program, Richard Furbacher, coordinator of the technician program, said 20 to 30 students are using equipment that is only adequate for about 12 students. This necessitates the students working in groups and is causing difficulties, he said.

Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the board, said local industries benefit from trained college graduates and suggested they should be approached to assist the college.

Miss Robarts said the college is increasing its involvement in apprenticeship training and this should interest these industries.

Some employers suggested students need more on-the-job training and the suggestion that students should go into a co-operative part of a program for training on the job would be examined by the college, Miss Robarts said.

Electronic equipment becomes obsolete quickly and a co-operative program would eliminate large expenditures on equipment for the electronics courses at the college, she said.

Lancaster returns as chairman

Eleanor Lancaster was renominated as chairman of Niagara College's Board of Governors for 1980 at a board meeting Jan. 24.

The board unanimously decided to re-appoint Mrs. Lancaster, who served as chairman for 1979.

Mrs. Lancaster thanked the board for its support and said the advantage of serving two consecutive terms as chairman is that she will not have to familiarize herself with the position and can immediately implement new ideas and decisions.

External affairs minister to speak to students Feb. 14

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald will be at Niagara College on Feb. 14, the opening day of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Miss MacDonald will speak to college students, staff and members of the community on the role of the Canadian government in world affairs and will probably entertain discussion on current world events which affect Canadians, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president Jim Walters, who organized her visit, said.

The 2:30 p.m. lecture is scheduled to be held in the cafeteria.

Jim said he had originally intended to have all party candidates appear at a forum on campus, but he was not able to get all the parties to agree to the meeting because of "schedules that didn't coincide."

Joe West, campaign manager for Welland riding's Conservative candidate George Krusell, mentioned to Jim that Miss MacDonald would be in the Niagara region on Feb. 14. She is appearing at a breakfast in Fort Erie and a luncheon with the St. Catharines Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn the same day, he said.

Mr. West said he was arranging Miss MacDonald's activities in the area long before the closing of the Canadian Embassy in Iran.

GUEST OF SAC

Jim said Miss MacDonald is a guest of SAC. He hopes this prominent Canadian's visit will encourage the turn-out of a large audience.

The Celebrate Canada Festival committee had originally tried to get Miss MacDonald to headline the opening ceremonies of the festival on Feb. 14, he said.

John Muto, of the college resource centre and area coordinator for the Progressive Conservative party in Welland, who helped make arrangements for Miss MacDonald's visit, said, "Seeing that she's in the public eye, students will want to ask her questions."

Mr. Muto expects a bullpit session on current events after Miss MacDonald's speech.

After Prime Minister Joe Clark and Miss MacDonald announced the closing of the Canadian Embassy in Tehran, it was disclosed by La Presse newspaper in Montreal that six American diplomats had been smuggled out of the country using forged Canadian passports authorized by the federal cabinet.

TRIED FOR 3 MONTHS

Miss MacDonald said in a Globe and Mail article that her department tried for three months to find a way to get the Americans, who were in danger of being added to the number of U.S. hostages held in Iran, safely out of the country.

Ambassador Donald Taylor masterminded the operation from inside Iran and government officials, though they knew of the operation, suppressed the knowledge until the diplomats and Canadian Embassy officials were safely out of Iran on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

In response to accusations that the move was timed to boost the Conservative image in the upcoming federal election, Miss MacDonald said the Canadian action should be seen as being "completely outside the election campaign."

"By all means I am sure that we did the right thing. I also know that if the situation had been reversed the United States would have done it for us."

FLORA MACDONALD
External Affairs Minister

2 union members appeal vote

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

Though the faculty of Ontario's 22 community colleges accepted a new contract last month, two union members have asked the College Relations Commission to overturn the vote and have retained a lawyer to challenge the legality of part of the contract.

In a memo to union executives dated Jan. 23, negotiator Gerry Griffin said the bargaining team does not expect the appeals to delay signing of the contract and implementation of salary increases.

He said the commission must consider all requests put to it by any individual.

No decision has yet been made by the commission, which cannot uphold the appeal without a formal hearing to hear all sides of the dispute, but does have the power to dismiss it without a hearing.

Two executive union members, including Ron Martin, a member of the union's bargaining team, have not accepted the ratification because there was "some question of how legal it was to have a salary opener clause," Beverley Langley, vice-president of Niagara's local 242, said.

Voting on the new contract was marred by internal dispute within the union, with the bargaining team recommending that the teachers accept, and the local union representatives opposed to the settlement.

Provincially, the teachers voted 57 per cent in favor of accepting the contract Jan. 15, although 75 per cent of Niagara's faculty turned it down.

CONTROVERSIAL CLAUSE

The two-year contract, which gave a seven per cent salary increase in the first year, provided for the second-year salary to be negotiated by a salary re-

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Seeking French staffer for information office

Niagara College is advertising an opening for a position as general clerk in information services who would be responsible for French publicity and promotion.

Formation of the full-time position was approved by the ministry of colleges and universities, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

The applicant must be competent in written and oral French, fully bilingual, and would be responsible for all French material in college brochures, flyers and advertisements.

The clerk will be required to perform a variety of complex French language activities requested of information services and respond to personal, telephone and written inquiries for information about French language services in the college.

Education in safe drinking, RIDE program debated

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

Tavern owners and concerned citizens met with the police commission of the Niagara Region to discuss problems of the RIDE program (Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere) but nothing was resolved as the tavern owners walked out 45 minutes into the meeting.

Everyone at the Jan. 29 meeting at Niagara Regional Headquarters agreed drunk drivers were a threat to the general well-being of the community, but tavern owners wanted to privately discuss their problems and walked out at the suggestion of Arthur Smith, owner of the Lakeside Hotel in Port Dalhousie.

"There's nothing here to do anything for us," he said, apparently referring to citizens and members of the media present at the meeting. "We were called here so they could talk to the hotel owners."

A representative of another hotel produced a petition earlier in the meeting with 3,000 names and asked that RIDE be discontinued because "it was infringing on the rights of citizens and causing a loss of revenue to certain segments of society."

A five-member RIDE committee consisted of two elected officials, councillor William Dixon and M.F. Hatch, William Greeves, Judge Donald Scott and chairman Bev Davis.

OTHER FINES

Complaints heard from private citizens included fines for seatbelts and vehicle maintenance problems and being delayed for appointments.

One citizen resents being stopped because she does not drink, wears her seatbelt and obeys the laws. She said she does not have "15 to 20 minutes to sit in the back of a cruiser while her groceries melt."

Another citizen accused police of using RIDE as a licence for them to lay other charges.

Mr. Hatch said, "Driving is a privilege, not a right and a privilege cannot be infringed upon. Anyone who does not obey and respect it can have it taken away. The police see if you are worthy of and enjoying it."

Mr. Hatch admitted that many of the people in cases involving seatbelt and maintenance fines should have been let off with a warning.

The police should "zero in on the impaired driver although those things (the offences) are perfectly legal but are over-enthusiastically applied."

ABIDES BY LAW

In response to a question when he was asked if he reads the law, Mr. Hatch replied, "I do not read the law — I abide by it."

Ronald Adams, a representative of Co-Operators Insurance, a district sponsor of RIDE, said, "We, like the police, only deal with the after-effects of an accident — broken bodies and broken hearts."

"The few charges that have been laid," he said, "are evidence that police are out to educate, not harass."

"If anything has to change, maybe it's not the drinking habits but the transportation habits after."

Since RIDE is being advertised to enforce laws governing drinking and driving, he suggested implementing a warning system regarding the other offences rather than immediate fines.

One tavern owner said a patron of his establishment asked if he could leave his car in the parking lot overnight since he did not feel fit to drive. En route home in a taxi, it was stopped by a RIDE cruiser and the patron was fined $28 for not wearing a seatbelt.

INVITATION EXTENDED

Although tavern owners had already left the meeting, they were extended an invitation by one young woman to visit Comcare patients, some who receive treatment for serious injuries. "Then they can see what I see every day."

Heather Kilty from the Addiction Research Foundation and chairperson of the RIDE program, said people convicted of impaired driving in Sweden face a one-year prison sentence and in Phoenix, Arizona, the police have made more use of unmarked cars. It has increased charges of impaired driving, but does not seem to be curbing the problem.

A sample survey conducted by the ministry of transportation found that one in eight drivers on the road was impaired.

"All levels of perception and vision can be affected by alcohol," Miss Kilty said. "At a .05 level, judging the conditions of the road, scanning abilities and brake reflexes are affected."

A .05 reading on a breathalyzer is .03 below the illegal limit of .08. Eighty milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, equivalent to four standard drinks, is the level at which a person is classified as impaired and unfit to drive.

"The next step is to educate ourselves and others on how to drink safely," she said.

NO TOTAL SUCCESS

In answer to a question about the success rate of the foundation, Miss Kilty said it has not been completely successful at combatting drug and alcohol problems but hopes "the RIDE program will be part of a process to end drug and alcohol abuse."

Passing the buck

How can you change 50 cents into $50? Antonette Bateman, a first-year dental assistant, left, split the cost of a lottery ticket for the 1776 Club with fellow classmate Irene Matchett and won the $50 prize. Club president Pam Jones of second-year interior design is handing Antonette a crisp, red $50 bill. This week's winner is Elaine Mocsan, a mother of a Niagara College student. (Photo by Bulanda)

2nd Literary Contest

The second Niagara College Literary Contest, open to all full-time and part-time students, will be held this term.

The contest is divided into two categories - fiction and non-fiction. Fiction submissions may be made under the following sub-categories: poetry, short stories, plays and radio and TV scripts. Non-fiction submissions may be essays, scientific reports, surveys and investigative reports.

Maximum length for any submission should not exceed 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Submissions will be initially examined for their literary value by a team of judges. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on winners. Most of the judges will be members of the College faculty; some will be drawn from outside. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Depending on the quality of the work, as many as six submissions may be entitled to receive "Honourable Mention."

Submissions should be made on or before Friday, March 21. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be delivered or addressed to the Secretaries of the Schools of Aplied Arts, Health Sciences, Technology, and Retraining.

Please attach to your submission on a separate sheet your name, address, student number, telephone number and the title of your submission.

Your submission will be given to the judges along with your student number. Your names will be concealed to protect your identity. No student can present more than one submission. Winners will be announced in the last Winter edition of the Niagara News.

Organizers: Ray Matthews, James Nicholas, Gary Webb

Jackie concerned with busing of Niagara Falls students

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Niagara College's plan to move 80 per cent of its Manpower-sponsored programs to the Welland Vale Centre as of April 1 is an attempt to "meet the needs of the region — not just of one city."

Referring to Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson's opposition to the plan that would move an English as a Second Language (EASL) program to St. Catharines, Miss Robarts said she is "very sympathetic" towards Niagara Falls.

However, she hopes they understand that "we're trying to do the best we can with a limited number of resources."

Mayor Thomson opposed the decision to move the course from the Niagara Falls Public Library to the Welland Vale Centre.

The course will be moved in an attempt to consolidate Niagara's limited resources by housing similar classes in a single building.

"Right now there is one small EASL class being taught in Welland and another small class being run in Niagara Falls — we just decided to run one large class," Miss Robarts said.

Mayor Thomson said last week that the move will not only affect the financial situation of the library, but it will mean additional costs in busing students to St. Catharines.

Miss Robarts said one reason for the move is that many small retraining classes of the same type are being held in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls simultaneously. Thus, the move will consolidate Niagara's resources by having them taught in the same building.

TWO BUSES DAILY

The college will run two buses daily to St. Catharines, from Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Port Robinson, and this should help people with transportation problems.

"Our financial situation is such that we cannot afford to run small classes anymore."

Miss Robarts has not been contacted by either the library or the mayor as of yet. "I still haven't heard anything," she said.

"It would appear that the greater concern is for the loss of the $4,200 from the library building," she said. "However, my concern is for all the students who can't get to their classes because of busing problems."

Miss Robarts said Niagara Falls doesn't understand that "even if we were to forget about the busing problem, we still might have to drop the program because it's such a small class."

However, there is another program in the area of retraining that "has to be located away from the main campus, and if enough students show an interest in this program, it will be run and perhaps we can extend the lease of the library."

The college has a one-year lease with the Niagara Falls Public Library where it pays $350 a month for library space. This lease has a three-month termination clause allowing Niagara to terminate the lease without penalty if three-months notice is given.

NOT YET FINAL

Miss Robarts said neither the library nor the mayor was contacted because the move "will not be finalized until the Manpower seat negotiations are finalized in February."

"Until these negotiations are finalized, we can't even notify them that we'll be moving out," she said. "The final decision won't be made until February, so I didn't think it was necessary to inform the library."

Seats at Welland Vale are purchased by Manpower for classes held at the centre on a per student per day basis.

Miss Robarts said Manpower had commended the college for coming up with the plan. "I originally met with all the regional Manpower representatives and discussed the plan — they said they agreed with it and couldn't come up with anything better."

If Manpower were to purchase a large number of EASL seats, "We would re-consider the situtation."

Miss Robarts said there has been much discussion about the Niagara Falls students who will have to be bused to St. Catharines, but there has been "no mention" of students who live in other areas and can't get to Welland Vale because of transportation problems."

The president praised the support Niagara Falls has given the college in the past, citing a $105,000 loan from the city for land on which a Niagara Falls campus might be built one day.

"We haven't got the $1 million for the building as of yet, but it's conceivable that in two or three years we'll have a campus there," Miss Robarts said. "But at the moment we're working on rented space."

Only female navigator sails into NC marine course

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

She's young, bubbly, drives home weekends, has two certificates under her belt and is the only woman enrolled in the marine navigation upgrading program of "about 140" men at the Welland Vale campus of Niagara College.

Lillian Kluka is 24 and has spent the last six years on ships travelling on the east coast and through the Great Lakes.

Orgininally from Blenheim, 180 miles southwest of St. Catharines, Lillian was raised on a 150-acre tomato farm and decided she didn't want to work indoors.

She recently moved into an apartment "in the big city" while she attends the college to upgrade her ministry of transport certificate.

While her other girlfriends thought about being nurses, Lillian was enticed by the shipping. "I had an uncle who was a sailor," she said.

Her parents have grown accustomed to Lillian, their second of four children, and her lifestyle.

She was accepted "quite well" when she began sailing if you consider wearing varnished clothes to be "quite well." She recalled serving on her first ship when she was initiated. "I was the only one walking around with my clothes varnished," she laughed.

LILLIAN KLUKA

sailing. It was an experiment at first.

Not until the end of her second year that Lillian was seriously interested in continuing the program.

"You're at school for six months and aboard ship for the other six," she said.

Cadets in the first two years try to accumulate various types of experience so they are switched to different ships. "It's good for learning about everything," she said.

Served two years

Rather than serve the usual three years required as a cadet, Lillian only served two because a ship required a third officer and she was available.

Lillian held her watchkeeping certificate after her second year and is qualified as a second officer (home trade), and a second officer (inland). She is upgrading her ministry of transport certificate for her coastal navigator 11.

When cadets finish their three years they can update themselves and increase in rank to a third officer, then a second officer, and finally a chief officer. The highest position of course, is the captain.

In some cases there are four officers so in addition to those mentioned, there is a first officer. Between 20 and 30 people make up the crew depending on the size of the ship.

She spent the last two seasons, which run from April to December, on the east coast on the Newfoundland salt run where they took salt to the island and brought fish back.

The last two winters have been vacations for her but this year she decided to "finish my ticket."

Last year as second officer she was navigator. A person in that position is responsible for all charts and the updating of them, the navigational instruments and equipment.

Lillian has separate accommadations aboard the ships and must share the bathroom like everyone else. "The guys take up so much room with their bottles of aftershave and shampoo, I can barely find room for may toothbrush," she laughed, "but we're all equal."

One might say they're all in the same boat.

She enjoys this type of career and gains acceptance in a few days without difficulty on the crew's part or hers.

Knew students

Upon beginning the program at Welland Vale, she was surprised to learn she knew most of the students either from the course at Owen Sound or from having served on ships with them.

In the 10-week program the marine navigators study courses such as first-aid, communications, which deals with morse code, general seamanship and stability.

This stability has nothing to do with the seasickness. It is a combination of physics and mathematics. Students are instructed on how to load a ship and distribute the weight evenly. "Whether it floats or sinks is in the hands of those loading it," one instructor added.

"I've also picked up a lot of French along the way," Lillian said. "We're in contact with Quebec quite a bit."

As a cadet, Lillian served her first six months on the Seaway Queen. She has sailed on the Labradoc and the Kingdoc, 300-foot long coastal ships of M.N. Paterson and Sons Ltd. Altogether she has served on six ships.

"I don't find it hard work because I really enjoy it," she said. She has plans to move on, or move up in the system "after a while."

"I don't want to stay on for 30 and 40 and 50 years. But A But as long as I like it, there's no reason to get out of it."

Pull own weight

"My captain told me that if I got through that I'd be ok."

When she began "some guys would go out of their way to be nice to me and some would think if she wants to be in a man's world she'll have to pull her own weight." Her small frame is not a deterrent to the stamina she has displayed.

There was an occasion when Lillian reported to a captain of a ship and "he wanted to know if I was the porter, or the cook," she said. "I get used to it."

Lillian is a Grade 13 graduate Blenheim and had thought about studying marine biology, underwater archeology or journalism "because she likes to write."

It was a last-minute decision to enroll at Georgian College in Owen Sound for the three-year cadet program, the first step in

Car breaks down, Muggeridge hoofs it

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

When the car breaks down, most people are in a quandary about repair bills, when it will be fixed and what to do without a car; then there is John Muggeridge.

When his Volkswagen engine heaved its last sigh, he decided repairs were too expensive, so the only thing left to do was to sell the car and tackle the world by foot...taxi...bus and any other means of transportation available.

"We were figuring it out the other night for transportation in January and it is about one-third of what it was if we had a car," Mr. Muggeridge said.

"I'm not dogmatic about it; there is no virtue in not having a car and eventually one will have to be bought."

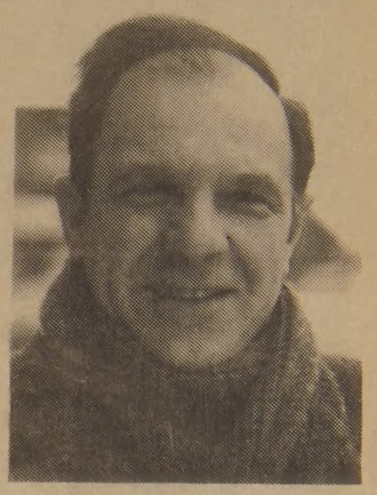
Mr. Muggeridge teaches English and history at the college and early in the morning he can be found waiting at the bus stop for his ride.

He said the youngest of his five children doesn't miss the car and his wife has bought "two sturdy bundle buggies" for the grocery shopping.

CAN'T LAST

"My eldest son will be going to university next year and the next oldest will be 16, so circumstances will force us to buy another car."

"But the transit system is good and we are not shy of taking a taxi when necessary."



JOHN MUGGERIDGE

There are certain financial benefits to not owning a car, like no gas bills, insurance, repairs, and licensing, "but I don't want to imply there is anything wrong with owning a car."

As gas goes up, more and more people will try to live without a car and rely on local transit systems, he said.

"I rather enjoy walking on the cold days because I have a sheepskin coat, so the cold doesn't bother me, but walking in the rain is a bore."

Mr. Muggeridge said they were lucky to live so close to all facilities; they walk to the arena and to the YMCA.

When a car is needed, Mr. Muggeride said they would rent one; all it takes is a little preplanning to satisfy a whim to go somewhere.

Students to be bused

Students in Canada Manpower-sponsored programs formerly taught in the Niagara Region will be bused from all over the region to Niagara College's Welland Vale campus starting April 1.

The $60,000 program will use two buses to transport students to classes, including food preparation and an English as a Second Language (EASL) course, previously taught at the Skylon and Niagara Falls library respectively.

In a report to the college's Board of Governors, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said the decision to locate the college's training programs at Welland Vale was one of economics.

Welland Vale will provide 80 per cent of the training required for Manpower-sponsored students, she said.

Rewarding experience

Students help handicapped

College students interested in turning spare moments into rewarding experiences working with the handicapped need only to volunteer for this community service.

Youth Across Canada with the Mentally Retarded (YACMR) is an organization designed to plan recreation events like dances, movies, carnivals and sports for the retarded adults in the region.

Chris Dilts, a graduate of Niagara College, who is working at the Hawthorned Lodge for the retarded, said she has found it a rewarding experience and urges others to join.

"As a volunteer you can gain experience working indirectly with the homes and ARC," Chris said. "There's also room for developing programs for individual retarded adults, or even setting up your own chapter in your area."

A couple of YACMR chapters have already been established in Welland and Port Colborne, but new administrative workers will be needed to replace the existing staff at the close of the year.

The organization is looking for students with the time and desire to help others. Any volunteers between the age of 16 to 23, are urged to contact Port Colborne's area president, Susan Szigeti, at 835-8059.

Wright to speak

Rev. Robert Wright, minister of All People's United Church, will be guest speaker at the Christian Fellowship Club's meeting tomorrow in ME 102 from 12:20 to 1 p.m.

Mr. Wright's topic ofdiscussion will be "The Christian in Politics," to be followed by a question period.

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Helen Cates, second-year journalism student, stakes out her three-centimetre claim of college property. (Photo by Stokes)

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EDITORIALS

Buy a bit of Canada

When I first heard the abbreviation "Cel. Can," I connected it with stock market quotations and thought it was similar to Budd Can, BP Can or Tr Can. I generally thing in terms of dollars and cents. To me, then Sel Can obviously must be short for Sell Canada. After all Canadians have a habit of selling Canada short often.

It made more sense when I realized that I should have been visualizing Cel Can not Sel Can. But, using devious logic, I could see that Cel Can and Sel Can are remotely related.

The Celebrate Canada Festival (Cel Can) is being financed in part by selling Canada. Actually and precisely, Niagara College is selling one square centimetre plots of the Welland Campus to help support the festival starting next week.

After finding out that sales were slack, I decided to purchase three plots of campus land, two for gifts and one for myself.

Defying the legal jargon on my deeds, I decided to claim and stake out my three square centimetres of land. The intention was to erect a toothpick and string fence and perhaps fly a tiny flag in celebration.

The mountain (mound, hill or hump) on the Simcoe side of the bridge looked just great. I have always enjoyed a view from the top.

However, the birch grove to the left of the cafeteria looked most inviting and brought forth memories of canoeing in Algonquin Park.

The first real howling wind of the winter excluded both sites. Instead, an area was chosen next to the Simcoe building. The scenery, bricks on two sides, was not the best, but comfort had to be a prime consideration.

Frozen red hands measured off the purchased three centimetres but the real trouble came in erecting the fence posts.

The toothpick posts never made it outside. They were mushed on the way. The alternative coffee stirrers were useless; without an auger, they snapped before penetrating the frozen turf. Nor could memo spikes be used. The wind was too great even for them.

The staking was quickly abandoned.

Beware, out there! Tread lightly! You may be trespassing in my three centimetres of property. **Helen Cates**

Born free, living free

It takes many muscles to frown but only a few to smile. Face it, it's far less work. Yet it seems we are always eager to voice our complaints about domestic affairs with stern, sour faces while reluctant to whisper a prayer of thanks for the abundant freedoms we so richly enjoy.

While the rest of the world is rocked by confusion and terrorized by the outcome of political decisions, Canadians are blessed with one of man's greatest treasures — liberty and peace.

Although not isolated politically or economically from the international arena, we remain geographically separated from the sources of greatest friction. All is not well in the world — but it seems so remote. The heat of the battle is miles away, or is it?

The shrill ring of an alarm clock or telephone jolts us from our sound sleep but it's a far cry from the rumbling of tanks in the streets and the rhythmic tramping feet of armed soldiers parading past our doorsteps.

No, our time is occupied with more important things like will I get home early enough, or where will I go this weekend?

It's true most college age students have no memory of the ravaging effects of war. But that's no excuse for apathy; it's just a better reason to be thankful!

More respect and praise has been lavished on the Canadian anthem and flag in the last few days by foreigners as a result of the "Great Escape from Tehran" than some Canadians are willing to give the red maple leaf when it fills the screen at a movie theatre.

The time to be thankful is now for our freedom to gather, speak, worship and prosper.

The joys of being a Canadian — there are a multitude. So stand up and be proud we've got lots to celebrate, Canada! **Brenda Stokes**

Bullpit

Hide from RIDE?

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

The recent criticism about RIDE (Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere) seems to be due to a lack of knowledge about the program and its goals.

RIDE has been exaggerated to the extent that some people believe the police are trying to catch every single person in the city who has had a cocktail with dinner. Little has been said about the good things RIDE has done.

The purpose of the program is to promote safe driving by explaining the dangers of impaired driving. The spot checks that are being done are not to sneak up on people but to inform them of the program and the dangers of impaired driving.

AROUSES CONSCIOUSNESS

What is apparent is the public consciousness that has undoubtedly been aroused. People are now assuming the responsibility for their actions and owning up to them by decreasing alcohol consumption, for whatever reason, which has led to criticism from area tavern owners about RIDE.

They have accused the program of creating fear in the minds of their patrons so that they don't frequent the bars as much or cut down their consumption.

Although RIDE is trying to instill the fear of being caught impaired, into the people, there are other reasons for the decrease such as a new year's resolution or self-preservation. I, for one, find it much cheaper to buy liquor at the liquor store and make my own drinks at home.

The program has discovered that one of eight drivers stopped was seriously impaired. Who is to say what that eighth driver might have done to himself or someone else, had he not been stopped?

One tavern owner said there have been fewer accidents because there has been no snow. Since RIDE is scheduled to be a one-year program shall we compare accident statistics during pleasant weather in other months.

Under a liquor-control legislation, supplying liquor to a person already drunk is an offence.

In 1968, a patron who was known to a pub owner to have a tendency to drink to excess, was refused further service, put out and later that night was hit by a car. When the case was tried damages were awarded against the driver and the tavern owner in favor of the pub patron.

When the tavern appealed the decision the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the tavern was liable for damages because it supplied liquor to a person already drunk and was aware of the man's condition when he left.

The court ruled that it was not unreasonable to expect the hotel to take care of that patron — whom it had "invited" onto the premises and the staff could have summoned a cab for the man or notified police of his condition.

Since taverns **are** responsible for the welfare of their patrons, more should act responsibly and refuse drinks to people who have had "one too many" then there would be no need for RIDE, would there?

FEEL RESPONSIBLE

For those taverns who do not feel responsible for what a person does when he leaves, why should they care if he is encountered by RIDE?

RIDE is not trying to stop people from drinking or put those establishments out of business, but is suggesting they get someone else to do the driving. I am only too glad to do the driving for a friend who plans to drink.

Naturally the tavern owners do not want to blame their customers for a decline in business so in some cases RIDE has been used as a scapegoat. The patrons keep the taverns in business so if they were criticized it would be like biting the hand that feeds you.

Granted some patrons may frequent bars less than they had previously, but some of the same people are going to bars but are drinking less. Have the tavern owners tried to remedy the problem of drinking and driving by providing an alternate mode of transportation for their customers?

Although it is to a greater extent that tavern owners are against the program, there are members of the general public that have objected to being stopped. They say it is infringing upon their rights. When I am stopped I do not feel infringed upon, but then I don't drink, am not trying to hide anything and my car is certifiable.

RIDE is used as a high visibility tactic. Previous attempts to combat impaired drivers using increased enforcement, unmarked cars and higher penalties have failed.

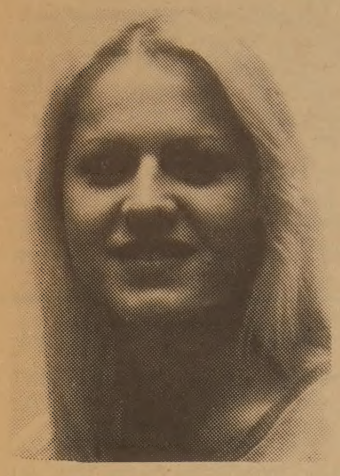
People are made aware of the program and the consequences of disobeying the law. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

When the seatbelt legislation was made, police conducted spot checks throughout the province to ensure that they were being worn. This policy will probably continue with or without RIDE, just as the police force will continue to patrol the roads and highways stopping impaired drivers, with or without RIDE.

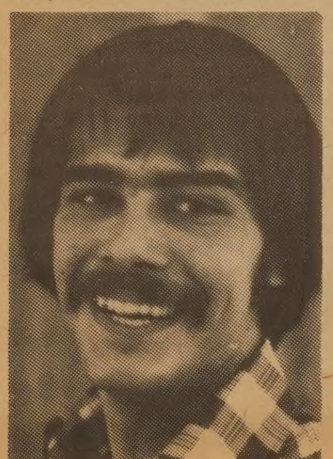
Bullpit is a free expression of opinion by second-year Journalism-Print students and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Niagara News, its management or the administration of Niagara College.

Roving Reporter

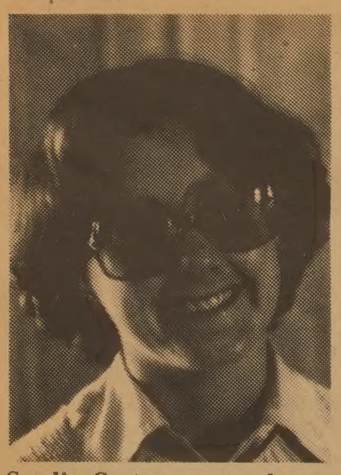
With the school year ending soon, the Roving Reporter asked Niagara College students what they thought of the performance of the Student Administrative Council(SAC).



Lydia Marincic, second-year fashion arts: Yes, they did an excellent job, a very good job. There were more activities than last year.



Allan Reece, first year technology: I can't say a heck of a lot about SAC, but I have no complaints.

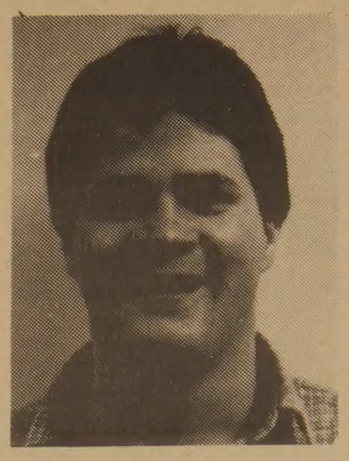


Sandi Carton, second-year business: I can't really say, SAC seems to have done a good job, except for pubs in which attendance has been down, but they have done all right.

Sonja Rakocevic, second-year fashion arts: They did a good job. They have better looking guys this year. Jim Walters seems to be involved more and puts his personal effort into it.

Bernadette Healy, second-year financial management: What I have seen is OK. SAC seems to have organized more things for the students to participate in.

Ian Quarmby, second-year finance: I think SAC has done a good job, especially with pubs getting big name bands. There are a lot of activities for people in lunch hour for those who couldn't go.



Eric La Bute, first-year general arts: I think SAC has done a really good job; so have Jim Walters and Johnny Ravenda.

The shadow

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

If the groundhog saw his shadow on Saturday, it could mean more than just six extra weeks of winter.

Six more weeks of winter could mean more of the international tensions and anxieties already prevalent this winter. They could mean less chance of solving the problems between Canada and Iran, the United States and Afghanistan and Iran.

Whether the groundhog be seen in Canada or the U.S., his shadow could symbolize more stormy relations, even war, if world peace is not established.

If the groundhog did not see his shadow, an early spring is in the offing and the problems between these countries could be seen more optimistically.

Canada's groundhog may or may not have seen his shadow. If he did it could symbolize Canada reaping revenge from God or a specific action from Iran for helping six American hostages to escape from Iran.

On the other hand, if he did not see his shadow, spring will come early: Canada could be rewarded more highly than with words of thanks alone. Foreign relations with Iran will continue happily. The Canadian Embassy in Tehran will re-open leaving time to heal any open wounds.

The U.S. groundhog could have fulfilled an American dream of sorts if he did not see his shadow. If the newly elected president of Iran finds a way of releasing the rest of the hostages without bloodshed from what he terms the Iranian students' "misguided adventure," part of the U.S. problem would be solved.

If the shadow did not appear, American concern about the Afghanistan situation erupting into war could be proven unjustified. No shadow and President Jimmy Carter may find an agreeable solution for his concern about the Soviets holding the summer Olympics.

At press time, unfortunately, the groundhog had not made his intentions known. Huddling warmly in his burrow, he little guessed the responsibility weighing down upon him.

SAC plans

A lot in the offing

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

With the college well into the winter term, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) unveiled a number of new plans and activities at last Tuesday's council meeting.

The council has finally purchased the new cafeteria speakers, after three months and four estimates, but the price is higher than originally planned.

The council has made a purchasing order for two 100-watt speakers and a six-channel 150-watt amplifier, built by Yamaha, for $1,737, considerably more than the $1,300 estimate given by the council when they made the plans in October.

"It's a pretty good system," John Ravenda, internal affairs, said, adding it was "better equipment" than the other three systems SAC was considering.

The council plans to have music piped through between band sets at pubs, so the system will "come in handy" there, he said.

TO COMBAT THEFT

Jim Walters, SAC president, said the new amplifier will be caged-in and padlocked behind the stage and the speakers bolted in the rafters somehow to avoid the theft which accounted for the loss of the original equipment.

Though still tentative, Jim said there is a possibility the council will sponsor a Monte Carlo Night at the college with part of the proceeds donated to a charity.

One possibility was the money from beer sales and gambling could be given to a fund being set up to assist the college's handicapped students.

The council has also contacted National School Services Limited of St. Catharines to take graduation pictures at the college March 17 to 21.

The sitting fee, for six shot, is $3, but there is a wide price range for the package prints a student can order directly from the company, Jim said.

More information concerning prices and proper dress, can be obtained at the SAC office. Samples of the company's work will be put in the diplay case outside the office and arrangements for individual sittings can be made through SAC.

Rose Kirchmayer, second-year secretarial arts, now has the dubious distinction of being editor of two Niagara College yearbooks.

In addition to heading this year's book, she has taken on the job of completing last year's.

Only 70 of the 96 pages and the cover of the 1978-79 yearbook are done.

Jim said the cost to the council of not publishing the book would be $3,700, while the cost of completing it would amount to $6,700. The council decided to choose the lesser of two evils.

A COMMITMENT

There is "over $4,000 worth of advertising in it," from various community organizations and businesses, and the council feels it is committed to them, as well as last year's graduates who paid for the book, to have it published, he said.

Financial statements for the first term showed pubs so far have a $200 lower deficit than last year. While the council also spent $2,700 more than last year's council, it is because "we subsidize a lot more activities" and "gave more to clubs," Jim said.

When one student representative at the meeting asked whether last Monday's bus trip to Uncle Sam's in Buffalo for their Rock and Roll Night was a success, Jim replied: "Just take a look at us!"

The 19 people who went originally planned to leave at 1 a.m., but "things got carried away and we didn't leave till 2:30."

Readers' Forum

Pensioner out of luck

Dear Editor:

An old college teacher named Ted,
One morning was found dead in bed.
With grief let me mention
He died of a pension
Which was never indexed, 'tis said.

As a recently retired member of the teaching staff at Niagara College I am interested and delighted to learn that faculty wages are to be boosted seven per cent. I am not as fortunate. My pension is fixed. No beautiful seven per cent increase for me.

Is this kind? According to Mr. Crosbie, based on his anticipated annual rate of inflation, my pension will have only half its present purchasing power by 1984 — a scant four years hence! (Globe and Mail, Jan. 17, 1980)

I'm not complaining: just amused to observe that so far as Union and Management mores are concerned, a retired employee appears to be equated with a dead one. Anyone due for retirement soon?

Yours retrospectively,
(The late) Ted Morgan

Back pay soon

Niagara College President Jacqueline Robarts said she expects that teachers retroactive pay should be out in "approximately 10 days."

Media Services

presents

Feb. 7 6:00 p.m. Classical European Cuisine #2 (30 mins.)
Repeated Feb. 10 11 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Understanding the Stock Market #2
(30 mins.)
Repeated Feb. 10 10:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Niagara College Hockey
Niagara vs. Buffalo State
(2½ hours)

Medic-Alert could save your life

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

The car meandered erratically back and forth across the centre line. The driver slouched over the wheel. Two blocks later, the car struck a hydro pole.

Police, who were several blocks behind, saw the whole thing. When they reached the accident, the driver staggered out of the car, sweating profusely and glassy-eyed. He babbled incoherently and collapsed in the arms of a policeman.

Unceremoniously, the man was deposited into the rear of the patrol car. Police filled out their reports and called for a tow truck before proceeding to the station.

At the police station they administered a breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol on the driver's breath.

To their surprise, the man had not been drinking!

The driver lapsed into a coma and police, suspecting for the first time that something else was wrong, rushed him to a nearby clinic. A doctor promptly said he was a diabetic in insulin shock. Insulin shock is a condition which because of physical appearance is easily confused with drunkenness. It is also an acute medical emergency.

NOT UNUSUAL

This scenario is not unusual. "Many a diabetic has died in a cell," Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program, said.

"In 12 years of experience, I would say that the vast majority of diabetic cases I have handled were hypoglycemic," Mr. Adamson said.

"Within seconds of administering sugar to a hypoglycemic patient, they regain consciousness and are out of immediate danger," he explained.

The difficulty arises in not being able to readily identify a medical problem, the Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation says.

The Medic-Alert Foundation was organized by Dr. Marion Collins when his young daughter almost died from a reaction to a routine tetanus antitoxin injection, Maxine Sinclair, executive secretary of the Medic-Alert Foundation, said. The foundation reported that 10 per cent of all persons inoculated with tetanus antitoxin develop some type of allergy to the serum.

The purpose of the Medic-Alert foundation is to provide an immediate warning of a hidden medical problem in a person who is unconscious or unable to speak for themselves.

STEEL BRACELET

Medic-Alert sells a stainless steel bracelet which is engraved with specific details of an individual's medical problems. "Usually all five lines on the bracelet are engraved with information," Mrs. Sinclair said.

A disc necklet is also sold, but not recommended. "In an emergency, ambulance and hospital personnel check for the victim's pulse. Therefore, the bracelet type emblems are recommended for extra safety," the foundation advises.

A wallet card with detailed information is provided to each member. Medical personnel are alerted by the bracelet or necklet to look for the wallet card with specific information. A record of each member's medical problems is kept on microfiche cards. The computer file is kept throughout the member's lifetime and is available around the clock on a toll-free number anywhere in the world.

Cost of a membership for a lifetime of service is $12.

More than 300,000 Canadians are members of the Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation with an average of 2,500 new members registered each month, Mrs. Sinclair said.

More than one million people belong to the International Medic-Alert Foundation in 16 different countries.

The foundation recommends that all persons with plastic heart valves, kidney transplants and pacemaker implants protect themselves by wearing a Medic-Alert bracelet.

FOR ALLERGIES

The most common medical problems that warrant wearing a Medic-Alert identification are allergies to tetanus antitoxin, tetanus toxoid, penicillin, sulpha drugs, and persons with multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, diabetes, epilepsy, glaucoma, and hemophilia.

"Reactions to penicillin reportedly killed one Canadian every month for a recorded 12 years," the foundation's literature says.

Contact lens wearers should carry identification since blindness or a marked impairment in vision can occur if contact lenses are not detected in an unconscious person.

Medic-Alert recommends that personal blood type and RH factor be engraved on the bracelet.

Application forms for the Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation may be obtained at most drugstores or by writing to 126 St. George St., Toronto, Ont. M5R 2N1.

The Medic-Alert symbol cannot eliminate a medical problem, but it can lessen the consequences of a sudden medical emergency.

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opener clause, drafted by union lawyer Steve Gouge and approved by the Commission.

The dissenting members feel the bargaining team did not regard the wishes of the union membership, Mrs. Langley said.

At the Jan. 6 meeting of divisional representatives of college union officials, "We voted by democratic process that the contract was to be discouraged;" however, "the bargaining team told the membership it was a good contract," she said.

The negotiating team was "told to do something, and they did the opposite."

With the salary re-opener clause, the union has given up the right to vote on anything but salary in the second year, she said.

Union members wanted a two-year contract only if a cost of living allowance could be negotiated; this is why there is this "hassle," she said.

FASHION CLUB

general clearance

DRESSES

An assortment of short sleeved dresses in various styles and colours regularly priced at $26.99 are NOW $19.88.

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Accident interrupts Saturday snooze

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

A Vega station wagon collided with a Hamilton-bound car in September injuring most of the occupants of both cars.

The Vega was turning left from my corner, Oakes Road, onto No. 8 highway towards Grimsby. It reportedly made a quick stop before pulling out. The female driver did not see the oncoming yellow Volare.

AWOKE TO CRASH

I had been snoozing on this Saturday afternoon about 4 p.m. I awoke at the seldom heard but recognizable sound of the crash. Our corner was noted for accidents. No. 8 has two lanes widening into four on a sharp bend.

I ran to the window, returned to sit by the phone wondering what to do first. Wiping sleep from my eyes, I heard the doorbell ring.

Water. Two boys wanted water. One was our newspaper boy. The other, unknown to me, was fretting that the wagon would burst into flames. The female driver was still in the car. I complied filling a roasting pan and tea kettle, not being able to find mother's pail soon enough.

"Do you want me to phone an amubulance, the fire department?" I asked. "Yes" was all I heard as they ran out.

After calling, I ran after them with extra blankets.

The Hamilton-bound car was facing Grimsby, its occupants lying on our front lawn. I covered one and ran to the other side of the highway.

The wagon was smashed on the driver's side. The girl was on her back and wrapped in blankets. The young man who had come for the water was sitting grasping his knee and groaning in pain. From the others I heard he was an occupant of the wagon.

"Why didn't you let someone else come for water?" I asked.

"They were all standing around and nobody seemed to care the car was going to start on fire."

"But still...That's really something. How did you hurt your knee?"

"I don't know," he said. "I...it could have been in the car. Maybe I tripped when I was running."

"Never mind. You're cold. Put this around you. Keep your head off the ground," I said.

CAR KICKS HABIT

The volunteer fire department had arrived with other fire trucks but the trucks were not needed. The car was no longer smoking. The ambulance had arrived within a space of 10 minutes. Attendants were taking stock of the number needing assistance.

And eventually everybody began leaving the scene: some to hospital, some to their headquarters. As for me, I went home to my snooze. After all, it was Saturday afternoon.

Robarts' Sailing in the Moonlight rug to be Celebrate Canada festival prize

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Although the hectic life of a president allows little time for relaxation, Niagara College president, Jacqueline Robarts fills what little spare time she has hooking rugs and developing her many creative talents.

Miss Robarts has been hooking rugs "for about five years," and has donated a rug as a prize in the Celebrate Canada Festival draw for the last two.

"It's sort of a form of relaxation and something I can do in my spare time — which is not too often," she said. "But I'm an addict — once I start a rug I can't put it down."

It usually takes Miss Robarts four weeks of her spare time to create a rug, and she often goes through 60 packages of wool per rug, taking an hour to go through each package.

"I did do one rug in a two-week period, but I probably worked on it more than I usually do. The rugs are nice, easy to do and they don't take a lot of time to do."

Miss Robarts said she has hooked 42 rugs but has only six left because she discovered that they "make great gifts. I've given away all but six, some as gifts and some as prizes for various events."

Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts stands beside one of the many rugs she has hooked during the past five years, along with an example of her crewell work, a more detailed type of project.
(Photo by Byng)

Moonlit Dock, the rug she donated to the Celebrate Canada Festival last year, and Sailing in the Moonlight, this year's rug, were both created because "they were in the college colors and I thought they had some significance."

"I'm probably a frustrated artist. I like pretty things and I like to make them."

Miss Robarts said her next project will be to design her own pattern for a rug. She said that so far she has been using kits to guide her.

"Rugs aren't difficult to do — a child could do them. It's like a jigsaw puzzle. I guess I would feel somewhat guilty if I just sat and talked to people or watched TV in my spare time. But with this hobby, I can hook a rug and watch TV or talk at the same time."

Miss Robarts said her duties as president keep her very busy. "I've been quite busy here at Niagara, whereas at Humber College I was more settled in and had more time to work on my hobbies."

Embroidery and crewell work also take up much of Miss Robarts' spare time. "I also do many other crafts including Christmas decorations and hand crafts."

Crewell work tends to involve more specific detail, she said, so "I usually do it on holidays because it requires more attention. You also have to follow a pattern of colors."

Crewell work is done with a needle, wool and a thimble, and "a variety of stitches are used, some short and some longer."

"But when you hook a rug, you use an instrument with a latch, and you push the wool through holes in the design, tie a knot in the wool, then pull it out."

RTV to tape debate

Second-year radio and television (RTV) students will get a first-hand chance to produce a political debate for the local media.

The students will be looking after the production of a panel discussion between 11 federal election contenders in the Welland and St. Catharines area for broadcast over CKTB, MacLean-Hunter cable 10, and Armstrong Communications cable 12.

The all-candidates night will be fed live to the cable companies and CKTB from the RTV studio and broadcasted over both radio and television Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

The candidates will be interviewed by a panel consisting of three members from the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce in the area of business, and three members of the labor community from the St. Catharines and District Labor Council.

Robert Reinhart, general manager of CKTB and host of the discussion, said the reason business and labor were chosen was because they are "the two most important segments, of not only the economy, but of society."

Larry Taylor, co-ordinator of RTV, said the idea and organization came from CKTB and MacLean-Hunter, but the college has the necessary equipment and a large enough studio to stage the event. The students will video tape the discussion.

Canadian ingenuity

Guess what we did?

By HEATHER OAKES
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered who invented the snowmobile, zipper, electronic arm, the game of basketball, pressure suits, pablum or the automatic hat tipper? Well, all these and many more were invented by Canadians.

Canadians have been responsible for great, and not so great innovations.

Although during the winter snowmobiles are a common sight, few people realize they are the result of one Canadian's personal tragedy. The first ski-do, a tank-like vehicle with enclosed cabin, skis and a seven-passenger capacity, was perfected by Joseph-Armand Bombardier of Quebec after his son died of appendicitis on a sled during the drive to hospital.

Ski-dogs, the name he gave to the vehicle after he installed a smaller engine, has been corrupted to Ski-do.

Although famous for inventing the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell also made transportation advances. He had created the first successful hydrofoil craft by 1907 and 10 years before the Wright Brothers flew in the Kitty Hawk he experimented with rockets and helicopter blades.

Although to some people it may seem that one needs the genius of Mr. Bell to unstick a stuck zipper, Canadians should remember how much they owe to Dr. Gideon Sundback of St. Catharines who re-designed the slide fastener into the convenient closure used today.

The forerunner of the modern space suit was the anti-G pressure suit invented by Dr. W.R. Frank of the University of Toronto during World War I. A series of water pads strapped to the body enabled airplane pilots to stay conscious in spite of the pressure from gravity as the planes went into deep turns and dives.

Canadians made a great advance in the medical field and

The first electro-mechanical artificial arm for children was developed by Canadian engin-developed by Canadian engineers and allows a child to move and play in the same way as a child with two arms.

Three Canadians in Toronto invented a vitamin-enriched precooked cereal that modern mothers have shovelled into their babies for 50 years. Pablum was invented in 1930 by Dr. Alan Brown of Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital.

A harried homemaker, late for an appointment who reaches for a box of instant potatoes, can thank a Canadian for this convenience. Dr. W.H. Cook of the National Research Council developed the method for freeze drying potatoes, fish, lamb and beef into a powder which can be re-constituted with water.

Basket ball was invented by John Naismith of Almonte, Ont., in 1891 to keep athletes busy between the baseball and football seasons. Mr. Naismith refused to allow the game to be called Naismithball. For his invention, Mr. Naismith was hailed as a "great American."

Patented in 1912 by a Canadian inventor were the plans for an automatic hat tipper which allowed a gentleman to keep his hands in his pocket on a chilly day while greeting a lady.

In 1908, ladies of fashion may have worn a bonnet with built-in reservoir to keep the flowers fresh.

Patented in Canada 200 years ago, was a machine-gun-like weapon which used round bullets to kill Christians and square bullets for Turks. Perhaps the lack of Turks in Canada was the reason it did not catch on.

All Canadian inventors have been long on imagination, although a few lacked practicality.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Dance highlights newness

By AMY DELAPLANTE
Staff Writer

"New dance" has its strong points. And Toronto Independant Dance Enterprise certainly emphasizes that.

TIDE performed Jan. 29 at Niagara College Theatre Centre for an audience of about 30.

The performance was delayed about 10 minutes as Allan Risdill, one of the dancers, worked out a muscle spasm in his leg. The group's resident composer and musician, Tina Pearson, played a few flute pieces during the delay.

Common Ground, the opening piece, danced by Paula Ravitz, Denise Fujiwara and Allan, included some nice simultaneous movement, but consisted mainly of independent and free expression. The three bodies fit together, almost liquidly at times, and seemed reciprocal.

The music used in Risdill's Mitered is a mix of two tape tracks: one of grinding glass, and the second, the sound of a Japanese temple bell. To this sound, Denise and Paula struggled with each other, and at certain points, seemed unaware of the other's presence.

SOME VIOLENCE

Solo, danced and choreographed by Allan, had violent moments, and spots of brightness to break the singleness of one mood.

Banana Envy incorporated the talents of Tina Pearson's vocal chants, which gradually moved into indistinguishable mumbling about some kind of "mama chiquita banana," while Paula tapped flamenco-like steps. It was performed almost totally in the dark, except for momentary flashes of light.

Following a short intermission, the group ended the show with a 20-minute piece called Rushes. Allan and Denise executed various everyday gestures, imitated monkeys, smiled, winked, killed each other in a duel, and many other things, apparently with no real purpose, other than to relate the sound.

Stuart Sheperd's sound composition contained excerpts from Tschaikosky, Cross Country Check-up and other radio broadcasts, as well as the incessant ringing of an alarm clock.

TIDE dancers in graceful swirl

(Photo by deLaplante)

N-TEC gambles for funds

David Napper, first-year educational resource technician student, usually just spends Tuesdays on field placement with the Niagara Training and Employment Agency (N-TEC).

But this weekend, David will put in a few hours more than his normal eight-hour shift with N-TEC, and will abandon his hold on office pens for a good grip on a clean crisp deck of dealers' cards at a Vegas-like casino blackjack table.

As part of N-TEC's fund-raising events this year, David, with other non-professional card dealers, will join gamblers for three fun-filled evenings of gambling at the Sheraton-Foxhead in Niagara Falls, Ont., all part of N-TEC's Las Vegas Nights, Feb. 7 through Feb. 9.

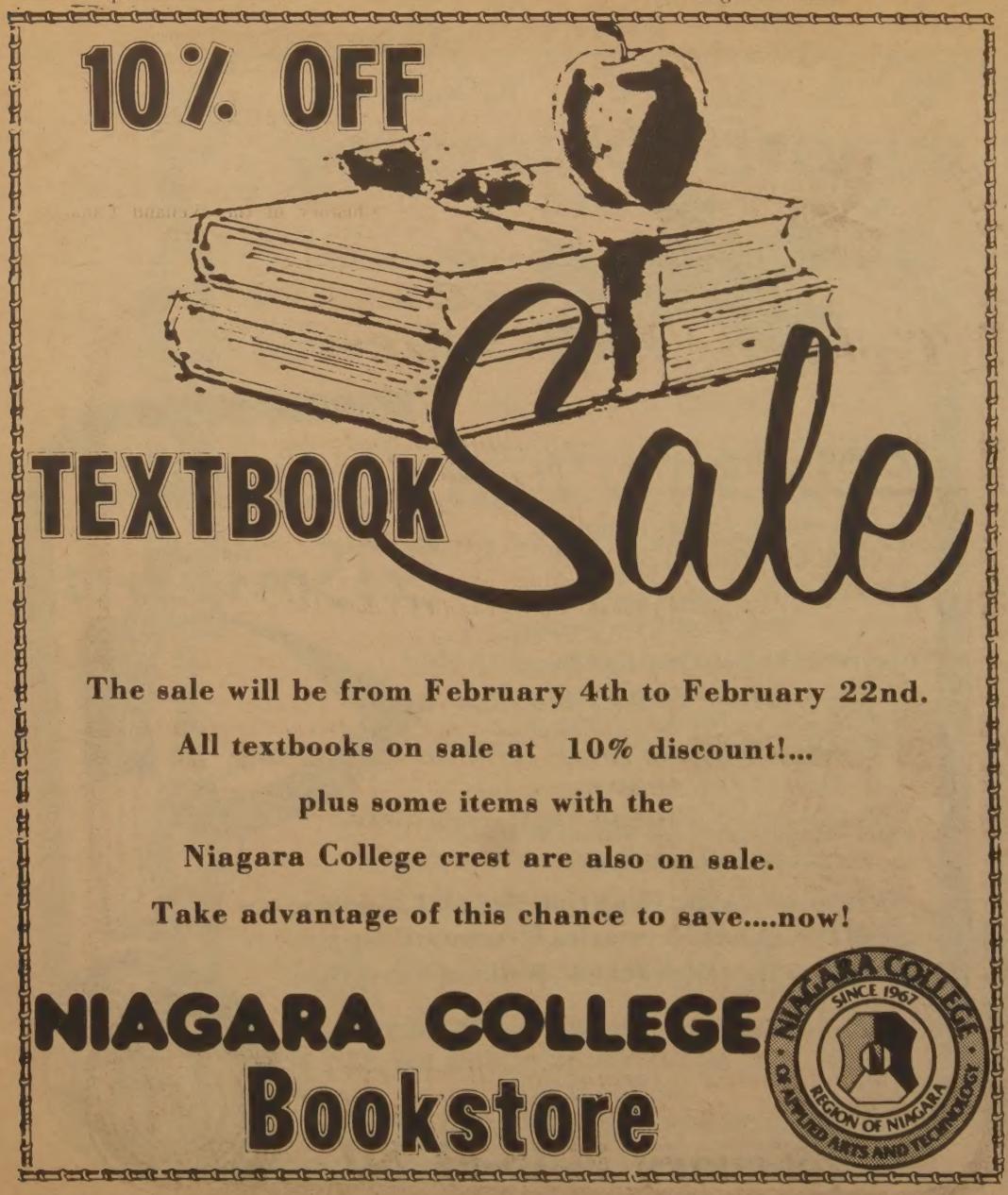
N-TEC, an agency that provides employment training for the mentally, emotionally and physically handicapped, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The casino, which will be open to all interested adults of legal age for an admission price of $2, will feature authentic Vegas Equipment, games, and gambling regulations. The admission price also buys one chance to win a free trip for two to Las Vegas.

EVERYTHING LEGAL

For those concerned about the law, "everything is legal as long as people do not drink at the tables," or take photographs inside the casino, David said.

The casino will be open Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to N-TEC.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Dance workshops stress movement

Theatre arts students were treated to two movement workshops given by Toronto Independent Dance Enterprise (TIDE) Jan. 28 and 29 at the Theatre Centre.

TIDE made one public performance Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

The dance group, consisting of three dancers and a musician-composer, is touring Ontario's colleges and universities.

Paula Ravitz, the founding member of TIDE, is a freelance choreographer as well as a dancer. She has worked for Dance-makers, Toronto Dance Theatre and for Zella Wolofsky as well as creating works for TIDE.

Allan Risdill was a performer, teacher and choreographer with the Regina Modern Dance works before joining TIDE. He was also a performer and properties manager for Brantford Youtheatre, Vancouver Street Theatre, Total Theatre (Brantford) Poor Alex Theatre and W. W. Theatre Productions.

A former member of the Canadian Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics team, Denise Fujiwara, is TIDE's third dancer. She competed internationally between 1971 and 1976, and has since taught and coached gymnastics. She now dances, paints and makes prints, some of which are the inspiration of TIDE's choreography.

The purpose of the workshops with the students was to expose them to dance and movement, Paula Ravitz said.

The students handled the technical end, Paula said. They set up and operated the lighting and sound components. As a classroom exercise, all of them had to plan a lighting plot for the show.

REACTION GOOD

Student feedback concerning the workshops was positive. Stephen Ward said they were "beneficial. I learned that you don't always have to have a story behind your movement. The audience can use thier imagination."

Bev Kreller said she learned to "concentrate on your own body-let your body move rather than be inhibited."

"On the technical side it was a really good experience," Julia Nizioli said.

Paula and Denise are graduates of York University's dance department, and Paula was a scholarship student at the School of the Toronto Dance Theatre, as well as being selected as one of seven choreographers across Canada to attend the Choreographic Workshop at York in 1978. She received a choreographic award from the Ontario Arts Council.

The newest member of TIDE, Tina Pearson, also attended York University, but in the field of music, and is now a member of the Toronto New Music Co-op. She has been with TIDE for a year, and has composed for other choreographers, such as Jennifer Mascall, Terrill Maguire and Grant Strate.

Allan was also a puppeteer for Total Theatre, Horse and Wagon Puppet Theatre, Kingston, and an adviser for the Little Red Hen Story Theatre, Regina. He has choreographed and directed for Regina Lyric Light Opera Socciety and the Regina Children's Summer Theatre, and has received various grants awards from the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Playing the bagpipes is an important part in Kenneth Eller's life.
(Photo by Shafer)

Have pipes,will travel

The shrill of "Scotland the Brave" played on wailing bagpipes is familiar to Scottish festivals and Highland games and so is Kenneth Eller, college technical mathematics co-ordinator.

Mr. Eller, 33, a member of the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band for the past 17 years, has played the highland bagpipes for 25 years.

"I'm still learning. It takes at least five to six years to produce an average bagpipe player. Very few people learn to actually master the instrument."

Considering a beginner starts on a practice chanter (the pipe with the finger holes) for the first year or two of formal lessons before even picking up a full set of bagpipes, dedication is a key to becoming a master.

"The older the bagpipes, the better," Mr. Eller explained. Among his own bagpipes he has one priceless set that was made in 1913. A new set of bagpipes can cost up to $2,000.

"The skill that's required to make a good set of pipes is what you're paying for."

Mr. Eller's years of dedication to the instrument have put him in the only top grade pipe and drum band in the peninsula, the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band.

BEGAN EARLY

He started training formally on the bagpipes when he was eight years old. "My family wanted someone to play the pipes and I was the chosen one."

Mr. Eller took his formal training under the direction of a master of the instrument for 11 years. He said there are very few recognized masters of the instrument and since training is totally independent of the Royal Conservatory of Music, "the instrument's popularity does not spread easily."

He explained pipe bands are graded according to their level of performance. "As you progress as a player you're always trying to get into the top grade of band. The pipe bands have different levels of performance, so stepping up to each level is a natural progression."

Being a member of the Clan MacFarlane band has taken Mr. Eller on trips and concerts to Scotland and across Canada and The United States. The band has won the North American championships nine times in the past 12 years and has placed fourth and fifth in the world championships.

As a bagpipe instructor, Mr. Eller has taught at a California summer school for the arts and this summer will lead similar classes in Florida, Ohio and New Brunswick.

Rock music re-born on CRNC radio

By GAIL SHAFER
Staff Writer

Rock has been re-born on Niagara College's radio station, according to Thomas Mather, CRNC program director.

The new lunch hour programming will feature jazz, new music, folk, rock, country, new wave and 60s music to be aired between noon and 1:45 p.m.

The categories, to be aired in individual, one-hour time slots, are replacing the Rock Show, which was taken off the air last fall when CRNC began broadcasting on Armstrong Cable.

Tom said that when the station began broadcasting on cable, "the cable people set up a number of guidelines for us to obey. . . One was to cease airing all commercial announcements; they have been replaced by public service announcements. Another requirement was to tone down the sound."

He said the cable company felt some of the musical offerings being played were "a little too rock and roll for some of the listeners. The only way we could think of to tone down was to drop the noon-hour rock show.

"Under our new programming the cable listeners will have a wider variety of music."

Pride of Canada expressed in native balladeer's songs

By TERRI NEUFELD
Staff Writer

The Celebrate Canada Festival is a tribute to Canadian culture and a celebration of the joy of being a Canadian, and many craftsmen and performers will be at the college taking part.

One of these performers is Canadian folk singer George Wizner Bryant, better known as Wiz, who will be in the Secord Room on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 12:15, expressing the essence of Canadian pride in his own way: an audio-visual presentation on the Canadian theme.

Wiz, 30, is a balladeer who sings about the unsung heroes of Canada.

"When I was your age I knew a lot about Davy Crockett and Robin Hood, but I wasn't taught much about the heroes of Canada," he told students in Scarborough during a singing tour to Ontario schools.

He sings about Grey Owl, noted conservationist and Englishman, who lived with Canada's native people and learned their ways. He also wrote and researched a one-act play on the life of Grey Owl entitled A Song of Survival.

Wiz has released a single recording, Bluenose, a song about the Nova Scotia schooner which won the National Schooner Championship in 1921 and is pictured on the Canadian dime.

He writes and sings about other well-known Canadians, such as artist Tom Thompson, poet Pauline Johnson, Sir Wilfred Grenfeld, a medical missionary who worked on the coast of Labrador, Louis Riel and Sir Isaac Brock and the War of 1812.

He started playing guitar when he was 15, and wrote his first song while in high school in Penticton, B.C., where he was born.

His performance, Ballads of Canada, includes a selection of slides from all across Canada.

ACROSS CANADA

Wiz has travelled all across Canada, playing at schools in British Columbia, Ottawa and Toronto, the Canadian National Exhibition, Ontario Place, Harbour Front and Festival of Friends, a folk festival in Hamilton. He has made radio and television appearances, including the Cash For Life Lottery, Canada AM, and had his own television special last fall on CBC.

During 1973 and 1974, Wiz performed a series of concerts throughout schools and colleges in Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

He returned home to British Columbia in 1975 to teach music and drama in public schools and colleges in Penticton.

Wiz is a trained actor. He studied for seven years at the Okanangan Summer School of the Arts and received instruction from Tom Kerr of the Western Canada Theatre Company and Susan Rubes of the Toronto Young Peoples Theatre.

Canal history

Fred Addis, Port Colborne historical society, will present a history of the Welland Canal, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton Room.

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Four colleges take first place

After the Niagara Invitational Badminton Tournament Jan. 26, coach Paul Sipos practises with the team in preparation for the championships held Friday and Saturday in Windsor. (Photo by Shafer)

By HEATHER OAKES
Staff Writer

True to the feeling of comradeship and good-natured fun prevalent during the games, the Niagara College invitational badminton tournament ended with four individual colleges each taking first place in one specific event.

Teams of badminton enthusiasts from Niagara, Mohawk, Sheridan and Centennial competed in four divisions during an all-day tournament held Jan. 26 in the college gym.

Niagara players Donna Elecko and David Lovie won first place in the mixed doubles division during the finals. They had won two games during the day.

Mohawk player Steve McCoy took first place in the men's singles division when he defeated Yew Meng Heng of Centennial 15-1 and 15-3 during the playoffs.

Karen Yule of Centennial won the ladies singles division when she defeated Joanne Perry 11-8 and 11-5.

Raj Syal and Grant Love from Senneca won the men's doubles division.

COMPETITION GOOD

"The competition was good, better than we expected," Paul Sipos, the Niagara coach, said. Dave and Donna who won mixed doubles "played a good all-round game."

David Svob, assistant coach and tournament organizer, said the level of play was high.

While everyone cheered, Labatt's Award mugs were presented to winners after the game.

Competition began at 10 a.m. with teams of 11 to 16 members each playing on all of the six badminton courts. Competitors kept track of their own scores and there were no disputes about scores, Laurie Varnette, who assisted at the tournament, said.

The harried coaches rushed about recording scores, deciding which team was to play whom on which court and occasionally watching and shouting encouragement to Niagara players.

Tension increased during the playoffs late in the afternoon as players tired and coped with strained muscles.

Niagara's Cheong Lim competing in the men's singles division, played an impressive game winning all three games he played during the day, but was defeated in the semi-finals.

Playing for Niagara College were Isobel Johnson and Harry Wong in mixed doubles, Sue Biederman in ladies singles and Grant Huxtable, David Carpenter, Julius Pokol and Glen Rodger in men's double.

Hockey excursion

An excursion to Canisius College to watch the Niagara Knights hockey team battle for position in the playoffs is scheduled for Feb. 15.

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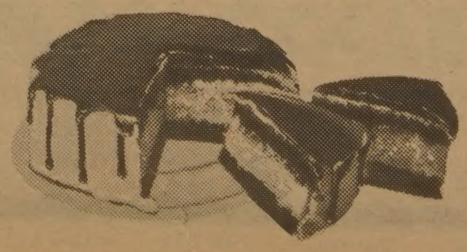


Unsuspecting young reporter experiences hockey excitement

By AMY DE LAPLANTE
Staff Writer

Having been raised in a family of four girls and only one brother, I never paid much attention to body contact sports. So when I was asked to cover a college hockey game, I accepted readily enough, unsuspecting what was in store for me.

I should have suspected something, though, when I didn't hear the familiar strains of O Canada before play started.

The game started normally enough. A referee dropped a small black thing and everyone attacked him. (I had seen a bit of this sort of thing on the television.)

But I did not expect to see what quickly developed.

Hockey should not be called Canada's national sport. A more fitting name is frontal warfare!

As I made mental notes to ask the regular sports reporter about all those funny signs the "ref" was making, I watched the number of men on the ice diminish until I was certain they would have to call the game with so few players.

PLAYERS BOARDED

These boys really took their hockey seriously. I gave up watching the puck; it wasn't where the action was, anyway. Every time one of those players was "boarded" — (it's when one gets violently shoved into the boards, whether or not he's near the puck) I felt the impact. By the time the first period was over, I was exhausted. One has to wonder what kind of padding those poor fellows wear.

The "crowd" of about 15 people on the home team's side was relatively quiet (they were winning), while the five or six fans on the visitors' side filled the empty arena with shouts and jibes — at the referees.

I began to feel sorry for those poor men in stripes.

I also learned quite a bit about them. I was not aware that all referees need glasses, and I attribute that to my sheltered childhood. I didn't know, either, that the linesman's mother wore army boots. Valuable information for such an inexperienced viewer as myself.

The roughness that pervaded the game was almost worthwhile when the team I was cheering for scored a goal. (I discovered that the next difficult thing to threading a needle without my glasses is going to a hockey game and remaining objective.)

A surprising number of goals was scored for the number of players on the ice, and, of course, the good guys won.

There's a lot to be said for the excitement of sports coverage. But I refuse to cover a wrestling match!

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Knights lose 'ugly' game

In what Niagara Knights hockey team's coach Fred Bassi labelled as an "ugly type of game," the Knights were defeated 8—2 by Geneseo College, New York, Jan. 25.

Coach Bassi described the away from home exhibition game as "a very physical and dirty game with a lot of sticking."

He said Niagara players are an aggressive team, but are not accustomed to playing against a team like Geneseo who make sticking an important part of their game.

Niagara went scoreless in the first period, with Geneseo netting one goal. The end of the second period saw the score at Niagara,2, Geneseo,5. By the end of the third period, Geneseo had outshot Niagara 51—35.

Coach Bassi said Geneseo's calibre was a little sharper than Niagara's because Geneseo has an on-campus arena and a 30-game playing schedule as opposed to Niagara's 20-game schedule.

"I feel that if my team had the ice time and game schedule Geneseo has we would have given them a better game."

The coach said the game ended viciously with an on-the-ice fight between players of both teams.

"In the future we might not play Geneseo in exhibition at all."

John Valsits, Niagara Knights hockey team, takes a moment to relax during a practice following the Niagara vs Geneseo game Jan. 25.
(Photo by Shafer)

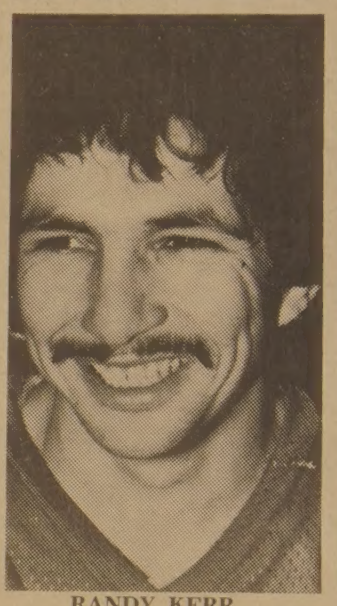
Top scorers from Niagara

Two of the Niagara Knights hockey team's players are top scorers in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League after playing nine games of a 20-game schedule.

Randy Kerr is leading the league in scoring with a nine-game total of 28 points. **Mike Chartrand** is a close second with a total of 25 points after nine games.

Randy is not only the leading league scorer but has succeeded in becoming the third Niagara player in 10 years to reach a career total of more than 100 points.

Mike hopes to become the fourth member of this exclusive Niagara College club by adding to his 99 point career total this season.



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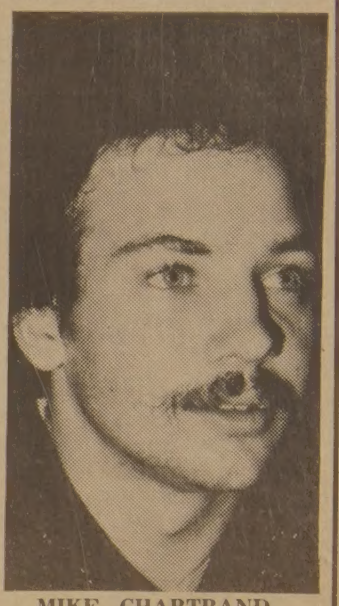

MIKE CHARTRAND
(Photo by Shafer)

Team standings

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM	WIN	LOSS	LADIES' BASKETBALL TEAM	WIN	LOSS
Mohawk	13	1	St. Clair	12	0
Fanshawe	13	2	George Brown	11	1
St. Clair	12	3	Mohawk	10	3
George Brown	11	5	Seneca	9	4
Seneca	8	5	Niagara	8	5
Sheridan	9	6			
Centennial	8	6	Centennial	5	8
Niagara	6	11	Humber	5	9
Humber	5	11			
Northern	4	12	Sheridan	3	11
Conestoga	2	13	Fanshawe	2	11
Cambrian	0	16	Cambrian	0	13

'For the health of it'

The college health services are arranging a program Fitness for the Health of It starting tomorrow.

The program which will include counselling, athletics and health will be from 12:30 to 1:30 in Lundy 1, Marian Kerr, college nurse, said.

Those involved in the program will be Mrs. Kerr, Dorothy Doyle of counselling, who will discuss behavior modification, and Peter Rylander, of the athletic department who will take participants on a tour of athletic facilities during the first session.

"Many students are not aware that we have a sauna that can be booked, cross country skis that can be rented, racquets and balls for games of all kinds," Mrs. Kerr said. "Showers are available."

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